

COWPAT HILL



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Small Change

Well this is the third issue of the White Horse Fliers News sheet. First thing of any real note (which you may have noticed) is the change from the original title "The White Horse Kite Fliers" to "COWPAT HILL" this came about after the last fly-in where we discovered the new name... we leave it to you to work it out although "Snowflake" was heard to mutter "It's good in the gardens". Also the News Sheet format now uses slightly smaller text on a single A4 sheet; this was really to help in the duplication process and will, hopefully, help keep down some of the cost.

Dummy Fall

Oh, I own up! I can reveal that the small lad seen to parachute off Martins Delta was not, as the Ramblers thought, a small boy but rather a life like dummy (no comments Snowflake). Using one of the parachutes from Vic Walker packed in a Ripstop pack and using a static line dropping system. Whilst my Multiflare would have carried the weight the strong winds would have meant a large carpentry job on the dowels so we tried at first to get airborne on Neil's small Parafoil. Whilst the wind was very strong the parafoil couldn't get the dummy much over 80 to 90 feet. As I had not dropped anything this size before we wanted to get some height to give the system every chance. We did try one drop but the parachute had only just opened as the dummy hit the ground. After several tries with the parafoil we moved to Martin's large Delta and several good drops were made from over two hundred feet! This height proved ideal except that the dummy and parachute went over half a mile! clearing the road by over a hundred feet and landing in a field the other side. All I have to do now is get the dummy to pick up his parachute and walk back! hint, hint! Karl and Martin did good service walking the dummy back, and I'm really sorry about the jeans Martin (large Wiltshire barbed wire fence).

Several of Ron Gunter's "Kite Workshop" school children came and had a look at the this quiet unassuming chap, trouble was the dummy was as tall as them and although asked the free falling fellow refused to give out any autograph's!

Get Your Ripstop Here!

Form a queue here. Snowflake Robinson was the most popular man at Barbury in March, he had a car full of Ripstop. Colours, you just name it he had it! Janet and Sandra had scissors going like crazy and several fliers walked away with yards/metres of material muttering "... just you wait and see what I'm flying next month". O.k. Neil, just what ARE you making?

Over Sea

Most of the people waiting to get Ripstop had originally come to watch but ended up going away with goodies! It will do kite flying no harm at all to see all those potential fliers getting into the skies. One lady arrived to watch and left with one of Snowflake Robinson's Snowflakes? (does that sound right? think that's what I'm trying to say) This Snowflake just might melt! it was destined for BERMUDA! The lady in question was over here visiting her daughter at Hungerford and had come up to Barbury for the afternoon before returning home later in the week to Bermuda. So there you are... snow in Bermuda! So, is the "Greenhouse Effect" having an effect after all?

Earth Moving!

I was writing this at 14.44 on Monday 2nd April when my computer system and the whole house moved, I would like to think that Martin had actually tried to move Barbury Castle (see last issue) though I now understand that we had an earthquake that registered 5.2 on the Richter Scale! So no more of those please! And no it's not an APRIL FOOL stunt, I know I felt it!

The Who Did What Bit

This month 'COWPAT HILL' was written and edited by me, Richard Everett using some very long telephone calls from Dave Robinson and Vic Walker.

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